

Amendment

C1 9. (twice amended) An antibody to a scavenger receptor protein type BI, wherein the scavenger receptor protein type BI selectively binds to low density lipoprotein and to modified lipoprotein having the characteristics of acetylated low density lipoprotein, and is encoded by a nucleotide molecule hybridizing to SEQ ID Nos. 3 and 7.

Sub E3 21. (twice amended) A [composition] nucleic acid molecule comprising the molecule of claim 11 encoding the scavenger receptor protein and an expression vector.

C2 22. (twice amended) A composition comprising [the composition of claim 21 and] a host cell suitable for expression of [the] a scavenger receptor, wherein the host cell comprises the nucleic acid molecule of claim 21.

Remarks

Claims 9-15, 19-22, and 44-50 are pending. The present application is drawn to nucleic acid molecules which encode novel scavenger receptor proteins, and antibodies which bind these receptors, and methods of using these compositions. Claim 9 has been amended to refer to "a" scavenger receptor as suggested by the Examiner. Claims 21 and 22 have also been amended as suggested by the Examiner to more clearly indicate what the claimed subject matter is. Claim 21 now refers to a nucleic acid molecule that comprises both the sequence found in SEQ ID No. 3 and an expression vector. Claim 22 has been amended to indicate that the host cell comprises the nucleic acid molecule of claim 21. A copy of all of